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## Lagrangian Studies of Deep Ocean Currents

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It is now more than 10 years since the first experiment using subsurface drifters (so-called Sofar floats) took place in the Mid-Ocean Dynamics Experiment (MODE). Since then they have been applied in a series of exploratory studies culminating in the Polymode Local Dynamics Experiment (LDE), and more recently along 55°W in a study of the North Atlantic subtropical gyre in a region well removed from the dynamics of western boundary regions. These neutrally buoyant instruments, which can be ballasted to drift with the waters at pressures up to 2000 dbar (meters), are tracked acoustically over long periods of time (months to years). Conceptually the floats may be thought of as large molecules, fluid parcels whose pathways and speeds are explicitly known. The structure of their trajectories often yields surprisingly detailed information on the horizontal structure of the velocity field. When used in clusters they can tell us much about the mean field and the dispersive properties of the region. This article provides a brief retrospective of what we have learned in the 10 years since their first application in MODE. We begin with a brief description of the Sofar float technology.

Tracking Sofar floats over great horizontal distances is possible thanks to a remarkable acoustic property of the ocean known as the deep ocean sound channel or Sofar (sound hating and ranging) channel. This acoustic waveguide, well known to acousticians and submariners since World War II, owes its existence to the happy fact that the speed of sound is a strong and comparable function of oceanic pressures and temperatures. In the upper ocean the speed of sound decreases rapidly with depth due to the thermal stratification; in the deep, nearly isothermal waters the speed of sound increases with pressure. The minimum speed of sound, about 1500–1600 m deep in the subtropical oceans is the axis of a permanent acoustic waveguide such that under quiet listening conditions one can hear a 1-W sound source at 250 Hz at distances greater than 1000 km.

The first suggestion to use the Sofar channel to track neutrally buoyant drifters was made by H. Stommel in 1949 in a paper on horizontal diffusion. In 1966 M. J. Tucker and D. C. Webb conducted an encouraging test of long-range transmission using a lightweight piezoelectric transducer, and in October 1969 a neutrally buoyant float was tracked for 4 months. But it was another 3 years before floats could be put to use systematically.

Today's variety of float consists of an aluminum flotation tube, 0.3 m in diameter and 3.5 m in length, which also provides the housing for the battery pack and electronics. The transducer, a thin-walled tube 1.8 m long and of the same diameter, is open at one end and has a piezoelectric bender plate at the other. It is mounted end-to-end to the flotation tube.

Acoustic signals are transmitted every 8 hours; each signal consists of an 80-s FM pulse (1.5 Hz linear chirp) at 250 Hz. Besides giving a better signal-to-noise ratio than the previously used amplitude modulated system, the phase modulation allows the use of simple digital correlators for signal detection and time of arrival determination. The radiated power levels have increased approximately from 5 W to 8 W, permitting tracking ranges out to 2500 km depending on the float's depth in the sound channel, and ambient noise conditions at the receiver site.

The floats are equipped with an active ballasting system to maintain a prescribed depth,

and telemetry of pressure and temperature. They are powered to last in excess of 2 years (Webb, 1977). The early development of the Sofar float program was greatly simplified by the existence of land-based hydrophones on Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Puerto Rico. Their availability reduced the risk and cost of the program by permitting us to concentrate on the major technological uncertainty: the float itself.

Tracking the floats is conceptually very simple: Given knowledge of the speed of sound in the oceans and the time of arrival of signals at two or more receivers, one can determine from the intercept of circles (known travel times) or hyperbolae (travel time differences) the position of a float to within a few kilometers. With the recent development of autonomous listening stations (ALS), which can be moored in the sound channel for a year at a time, Sofar float studies are no longer restricted to areas within range of land-based hydrophones. This has added great flexibility to their use.

There is no question that the most powerful attribute of drifters is the horizontal information that is so effortlessly provided—effortlessly in the sense that even a single instrument can suffice to lay bare the circular structure of a Gulf Stream Ring, show the path of the Gulf Stream as it is swept downstream, or reveal the constraints imposed on fluid motion by variable bathymetry. As they drift they in fact articulate specific pathways and rates of displacement of fluid parcels; information that cannot be obtained solely from the observed distributions of different water masses.

In what way would a tracer (or a potential anthropogenic pollutant) disperse, and how rapidly? The Sofar floats provide us with a natural tool to examine these kinds of questions. With an ensemble of trajectories one can start to construct statistical statements about mean flow and rates of dispersion and juxtapose these with classical water mass analyses. Let us attempt a simple illustration.

Between 1976 and 1980 we obtained nearly two dozen float trajectories at 700 m lasting 6 months or longer. They were set at various latitudes, mostly in the vicinity of 70°W. If one examines their position as a function of time one finds that the floats set north of 28–29°N disperse to the west and north, become entrained into the Gulf Stream and are rapidly advected to the east. The ensemble of floats to the south of 28°N show evidence of a cyclonic circulation to the south and east.

In Figure 1 we show a sketch of the trajectories of floats at 700 m after they have been subjectively smoothed to remove mesoscale motions. It suggests that a tracer that is injected into the Gulf Stream recirculation system will be trapped and repeatedly recycled; it is not likely to be flushed to the south. We can compare this with the distribution of tritium (<sup>3</sup>H) along 55°W, Figure 2. Note that at 700 m the <sup>3</sup>H does not penetrate south of 25–30°N, and in the deep waters it is restricted to latitudes north of 50°N.

A simple 2-dimensional interpretation would suggest that the <sup>3</sup>H has diffused this far since it was injected into the oceans in the mid-60's. The circulation pattern inferred from the floats, on the other hand, indicate that the floats north of 28°N are trapped to the north thereof and subject to rapid recirculation, whereas waters to the south of 28°N are associated with a circulation on a much larger spatial scale and, hence, a longer time scale.

This comparison is, of course, incomplete and would be more effective if we could look



Fig. 1. Spaghetti plot of smoothed trajectories of Sofar floats at 700 m. Arrows are 100 days apart. Note the high velocity of floats caught in the Gulf Stream (from chapter 4, Robinson [1983], reprinted with permission, Springer-Verlag, New York).

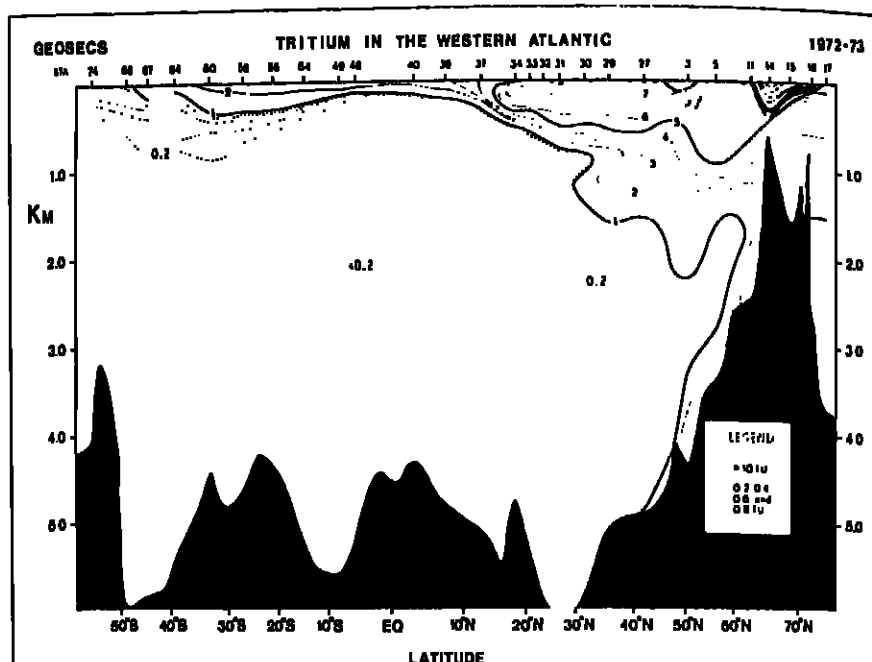


Fig. 2. Distribution of <sup>3</sup>H along a N-S section in the Western North Atlantic (Ostlund et al., 1977).

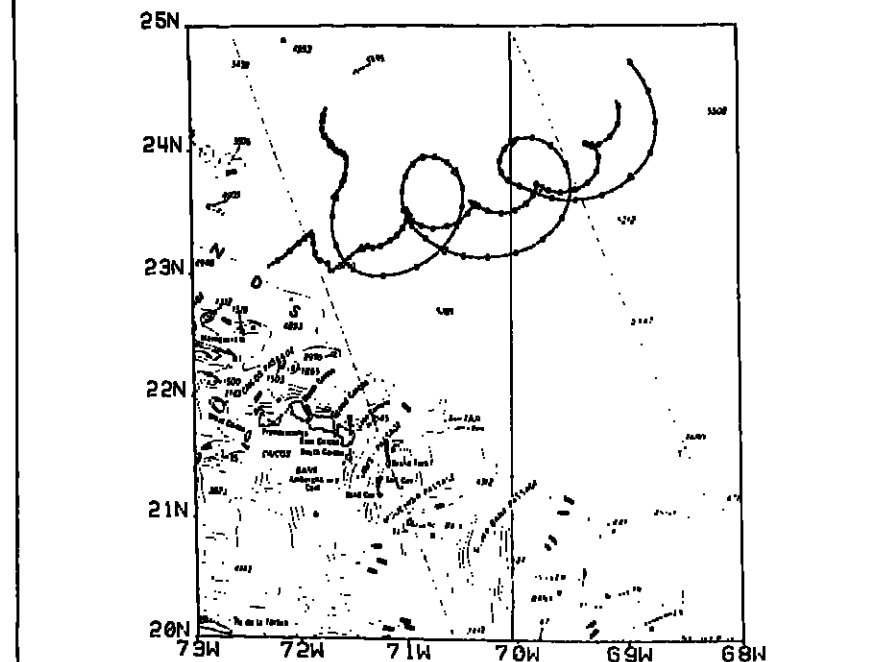


Fig. 3. Trajectories of two Sofar floats at 700 m orbiting around a common center of westward translation. The inner trajectory has a 10-day period, the outer one 17 days.

at the source or inflow conditions to the east of the section. This has not been done. The point here is that even 2 dozen trajectories can provide valuable path and dispersion information. The idea of using floats as an integral part of modern water mass analysis is, however, still in its infancy.

The dispersion of the floats can be used to estimate eddy diffusivities. On time scales of the order of months, dispersion of floats is dominated by mesoscale eddy processes, especially in regions of high eddy kinetic energy. Moreover, the diffusivity is apparently linearly related to eddy kinetic energy over a wide range corresponding to an integral time scale of about 8 days. The physical basis for this relationship is unclear, but it certainly provides a simple means of parameterizing mesoscale eddy mixing in numerical studies. Dispersion tends to be isotropic when eddy kinetic energy levels are high, whereas in quiet

regions such as the center of the subtropical gyre there is a clear tendency toward zonal dispersion.

On numerous occasions Sofar floats have exhibited astonishingly circular orbits with diameters ranging from a few kilometers to nearly 150 km. These trajectories reveal a class of oceanic motion that, apart from the ubiquitous Gulf Stream rings, was all but unknown 10 years ago. Spinning in either direction, these motions can be found in shallow as well as deep waters. And almost without exception their zonal motion is toward the west.

Figure 3 shows the trajectories of two Sofar floats (a third one is omitted for clarity) near 700 m depth spinning around a westward-moving body of water until it appears to collide with the Bahamas escarpment (or a boundary current along it) and the floats escape. Hydrographic observations at the time the floats were set revealed a thin lens of somewhat diluted Mediterranean water about 600 m thick and 120 km in diameter.

Other observations of such lenses of Mediterranean water have since been made in the eastern Atlantic. Assuming a westward migration velocity of 5 cm s<sup>-1</sup> from its region of probable formation, the "meddy," as it is sometimes referred to, must be at least 5 years old. With a mean period of revolution of 10 days, say, the lens must have made at least 100 revolutions since its genesis. Clearly the lenses are very stable, and as Figure 3 suggests, their demise may not be one of slow decay, but a sudden one due to changes in their environment, be it topographic "collisions" or their rupture by horizontal shear.

These lenses do not appear to have any atmospheric counterpart. What makes them particularly interesting is the suspicion that they may play an important role in the observed distribution of salt, oxygen, and other tracers in the ocean. Created in the east (it is not known how), they propagate zonally to the west and "deposit" the transported materials where they collapse. This suggests the possibility (that observed distributions of water properties in some sense represent the probability density distribution of integration of these lenses and not solely a balance between a large-scale mean flow (to be determined) and eddy mixing, as is often assumed in diagnostic studies of ocean circulation.

Conservation statements of the form  $d/dt(\rho) = 0$  are intrinsically Lagrangian concepts where the property denoted by the asterisk remains invariant under translation of the fluid. The above mentioned "meddy" is, of

course, one example of fluid conservation. A corresponding dynamical test, namely the conservation of potential vorticity, has also been demonstrated.

Following a set of 10 Sofar floats for 2 months at 1300 m, Price and Rosby [1982] found that as the cluster moved north such that the local vertical component of planetary angular momentum increases, the cluster responds by turning in the opposite (or clockwise) direction so that its absolute angular momentum is conserved, and conversely so when they moved to the south (Figures 4a and 4b). For good numerical agreement it was found necessary to include vortex stretching caused by variable bathymetry.

Horizontal arrays of Sofar floats have been used effectively to produce synoptic analyses of the velocity field. In both MODE and the Polymode LDE the systematic combination of velocity measurements at one level and hydrographic surveys have been used to analyze the dynamic state and evolution of the mesoscale eddy field. This methodology works well, but the rapid dispersion of floats limits to a few weeks the time during which accurate synoptic maps of the stream function can be constructed. The longevity of the Sofar floats is of no help here; thus, for future studies of this kind there may be a need for a simple, low-cost Sofar float of medium range of the kind used in the French Tourbillon experiment [Groupe Tourbillon, 1983]. For a more detailed discussion of the above ideas the reader is encouraged to consult chapters 4 and 5 in Robinson [1983].

Sofar floats are now in use in four experiments in the North Atlantic: The URI-WHOI Line and Gulf Stream Recirculation Experiments, Dispersion Studies in Very Energetic Eddy Fields (WHOI), Topogulf (a French program), and a nascent British study of dispersion in very deep waters. The technology is mature and reliable. The inability to track the floats in real time, however, has handicapped experimental plans to use floats interactively (for example in hydrographic surveys.) This has stimulated a program called Relays (WHOI) to develop listening systems which are suspended down into the sound channel from drifting surface platforms. Tracking data can thus be relayed immediately to ARGOS (a satellite-based platform location and data collection system).

At present long-range float tracking is limited to oceans with permanent thermoclines where acoustic energy is trapped by refraction only. However, I believe it is possible to extend the technique to cold oceans with so-called half sound channels, i.e., where rays undergo surface reflection. For this to work,

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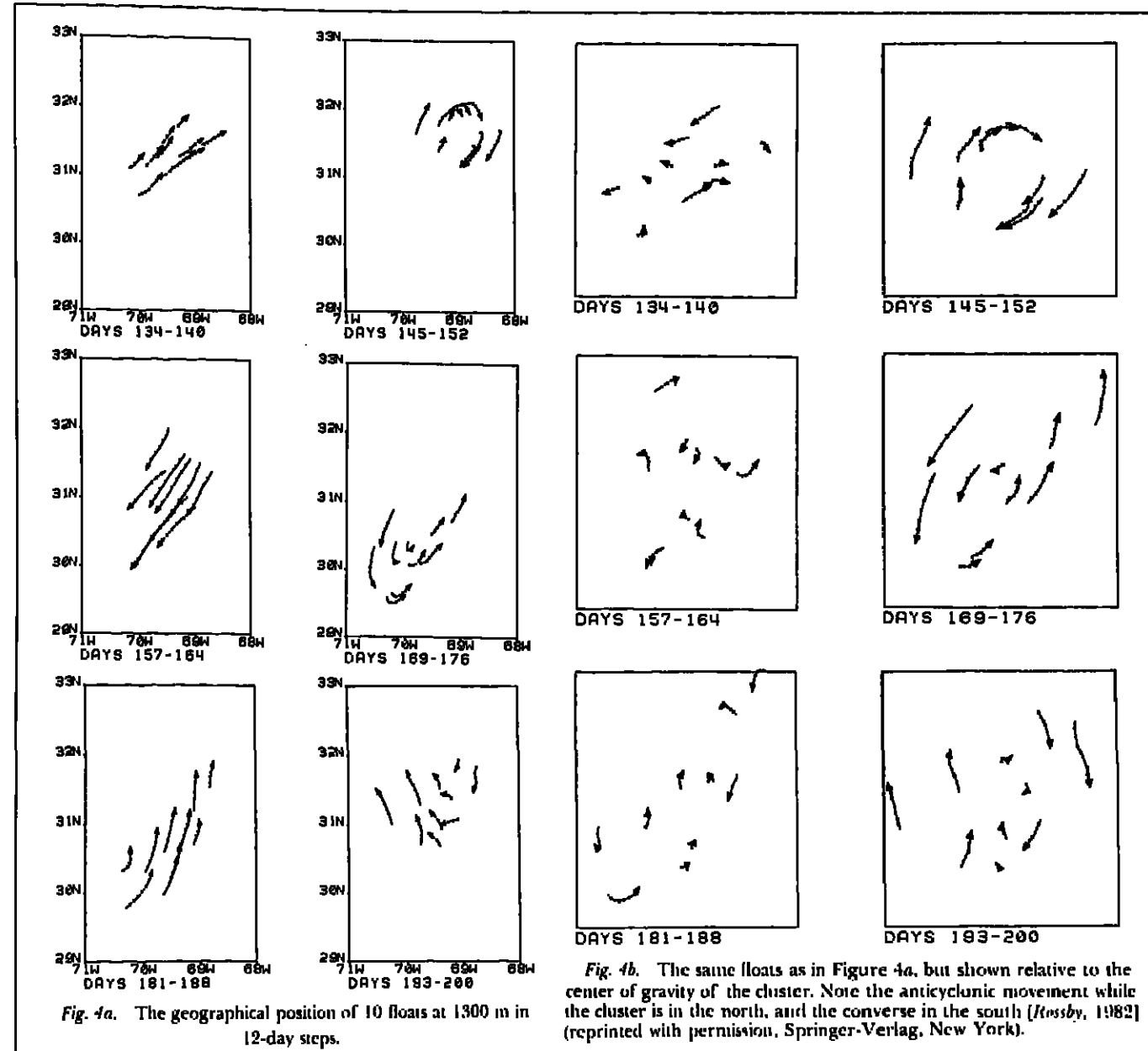


Fig. 4a. The geographical position of 10 floats at 1300 m in 12-day steps.

Fig. 4b. The same floats as in Figure 4a, but shown relative to the center of gravity of the cluster. Note the anticyclonic movement while the cluster is in the north, and the converse in the south (Rossby, 1982) (reprinted with permission, Springer-Verlag, New York).

however, it is necessary to work at much lower frequencies such that the acoustic wavelength is long compared to the sea surface roughness. The way to do this would presumably be to reverse the entire procedure and place our continental slopes very low frequency sound sources powered from shore (in which case the acoustic power levels can be greatly increased). The floats listen and store the time of arrival information for later transmission to ARGOS at the end of its mission.

A version of this listening float, the Rafos (Sofar spelled backward) float, is currently undergoing trials in the Gulf Stream. It listens to moored Sofar floats, one of them south of Cape Hatteras and the other on the northern slope of the Bowditch seamount (Bermuda). Real-time tracking is obviously not possible. Rafos floats are also restricted to somewhat shorter tracking ranges than the Sofar floats, because, owing to their small size and weight, the floats cannot carry a vertical string of hydrophones, which would improve acoustic reception in the horizontal.

The Rafos float is an outgrowth of the development of the deep drifter, which is the same instrument minus the acoustic listening system. The deep drifter is intended to be used in clusters to obtain accurate estimates of subsurface and abyssal mean flows by ensemble averaging. The argument is simple: Continuous tracking of a float, like a continuous record from a current meter, does not improve statistical confidence of the record mean if it is not long compared to the gravest energy-containing frequencies. Since these are often of the order of a year we will be old men before we are finished!

The way to defeat this is of course by making many independent observations, but this is expensive; hence, a need for a simple, in-

expensive drifter. When used in clusters they provide an ensemble of displacement vectors, each one a time integral of Lagrangian motion. Further, the spread of the ensemble of drift vectors provides valuable information on the dispersive properties of the field. The paucity, if not complete lack, of information on mean flows and dispersion in much of the world oceans is well known.

A recent development is the recognition that floats can be given isopycnal (constant sigma-t) properties. By increasing the compressibility of the float (by adding a spring-backed piston) to match that of seawater, changes in pressure cannot effect a change in buoyancy relative to the surrounding fluid. If the float can be given a small (preferably zero) coefficient of thermal expansion, such as with borosilicate glass (Pyrex), its density will not depend upon temperature. Hence, if the float is neutrally buoyant at some sigma-t it will remain there regardless of what the temperature (and salinity) is. This technique should be quite helpful in studies of dispersion and mixing across fronts. Because the in situ density gradient due to compressibility is no longer contributing to the stability of the float, the requirements for accurate ballasting are more severe than for conventional isobaric operation.

In summary, drifters have considerable conceptual overlap with modern water analysis (especially marine chronochemistry). It seems inevitable that the links between the two will become stronger in the coming years, as the need grows to distinguish between fluxes by the mean field, by eddy mixing, and by discrete eddies. Lagrangian techniques also appear to be a powerful tool in synoptic studies of local dynamical processes. What is perhaps not so obvious is that this neutrally buoyant float offers a platform for

observing small-scale processes without the problems associated with advection past stationary platforms.

Indeed, with the ready availability of sophisticated yet low-powered microprocessors, one can foresee the development of a variety of "intelligent" drifters designed to monitor the internal wave field, chemical changes due to isentropic mixing, or listen to and observe the local ecosystem. Days, weeks, or months later they can surface and report their findings; these can then be related to the large-scale processes within which they were embedded.

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## Meeting Report

### Quantifying Submarine Hydrothermal Fluxes

Many oceanographers believe that the chemical fluxes associated with deep sea hydrothermal processes are large and geochemically important, but quantifying these fluxes is proving difficult. Seawater-seal exchange takes place in high-temperature hydrothermal systems at the very axis of seafloor spreading, as observed at the Galapagos Spreading Center (Corliss et al., 1979), and the East Pacific Rise at 15°N and 21°N (Michard et al., 1982; RISE Project Group, 1980). It also takes place in the lower temperature hydrothermal systems, which are ubiquitous on the flanks of mid-ocean ridges, until sedimentation, and void-filling in basalt, seal the hydrothermal systems at crustal ages between 10 and 80 m.y. (e.g., Anderson et al., 1977). Chemical fluxes associated with crustal water-rock reactions have been estimated in two

ways. One involves using the heat balance to estimate the rate at which hydrothermal solution exit the crust, and taking the product of this number and change in chemical concentrations to get chemical fluxes. The composition of hydrothermal solutions exiting at the ridge crest is well known; solutions are depleted in Mg<sup>++</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>==</sup>, and enriched in Ca, alkalis, and heavy metals (e.g., Edmond et al., 1979; Mott and Holland, 1978). However, the heat flux is poorly known, with current estimates ranging between 0.2–5 x 10<sup>10</sup> cal per year (0.8–21 x 10<sup>10</sup> J per year) [Sleep et al., 1984; Edmond, 1981]. On the ridge flank, the opposite situation obtains. The convective heat flux is known to be about 5 x 10<sup>10</sup> cal per year (Anderson et al., 1977; Williams and Von Herzen, 1974), but almost nothing is known of the composition of the reacted seawater.

The alternative method of constraining hydrothermal fluxes comes from the complementary approach of studying crustal chemistry. The composition of unaltered crustal rocks is known from detailed studies of a few DSDP holes, and hydrothermal fluxes may be estimated from the crustal generation rate

and the crustal chemistry of representative sections (Hart and Staudigel, 1982; Thompson, 1984). This approach is bearing fruit, but has a limited applicability because of the limited availability of samples taken within the oceanic crust.

To consider these problems, the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography recently hosted a 1-day symposium, under the auspices of the Norman Watkins Lecture Series, on the topic, "Quantifying Submarine Hydrothermal Fluxes: Evidence From Different Perspectives." The lectures of the seven speakers were discussed by members of the audience from URI and her sister institutions in New York and New England.

Norman Sleep (Stanford) and William Jenkins (WHOI) discussed constraints on the axial heat flux from thermal modeling and the oceanic He isotope distribution, respectively. Sleep estimated the maximum axial convective heat flux as 2 x 10<sup>10</sup> cal per year (determined from the product of the total crustal generation rate and the latent sensible heat loss per gram of crust [Sleep et al., 1984]). He



# News

## No Olivine in the Mantle?

Perhaps the most impressive factors in D. L. Anderson's analysis of new physical models of the earth are contributions from the numerous disciplines of modern geophysics, including 3-dimensional seismological observations, high-pressure experiments, highly precise isotope analyses, and studies of other solar system bodies (*Science*, 223, pp. 347-355, 1984).

The results? In short, there are the "ins" and the "outs." For example, the basalt-eclogite transition is back in fashion, whereas the notion of an olivine-rich deep mantle assemblage is no longer in fashion. This analogy is not to be construed as any return to old, pre-plate-tectonic concepts. Modern research, in the present sense, is forcing "a reexamination of some long-held assumptions."

Anderson would not only ask to have the concept of the basalt-eclogite transition be revisited as a dominant crust-mantle parameter, but he provides insight to his suspicion of the validity of the olivine-spinel phase change and other olivine-related transitions as important boundaries in the transition zone. Thermal expansion and other thermally derived processes in the mantle (i.e., a hot, low-velocity zone) are suspect as well. So, therefore, the olivine-spinel transition is "out," as is the concept of a partial-melt, spherical shell, low-velocity zone from which basalt could be derived. Instead, "the buoyancy differential that drives mantle convection is provided by partial melting and the basalt-eclogite phase change rather than thermal expansion" and "the large density changes associated with phase changes and melting in the basalt-eclogite system may drive convection and be responsible for the chemical stratification of the mantle and the long-term isolation of geochemical reservoirs." The result is that an olivine-rich mantle concept would not be compatible.

Anderson's synthesis of observational and experimental data, trace element analyses, and the approximations and model functions required to fill the gaps of knowledge is a courageous, and, of course, controversial, attempt toward taking an imaginative look at all approaches to deriving a meaningful earth model. It may be argued that the new interpretations of this model are no better than those existing, because many of the advances in seismology and experimental research on which the model is based are too new. Considerably more data are needed to justify many of Anderson's conclusions, and some large knowledge gaps will not be filled soon. Anderson cannot be faulted, however, for lack of imagination nor for creating a set of ideas presented in a scholarly way. Anderson's model should stimulate a strong response; the response may be in the form of obtaining the needed data.—PMB

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## Radio Telescope Center Selected

Socorro, N. Mex., will be home for the operations center for the Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA) network of radio telescopes. The National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) selected Socorro because of its proximity to the Very Large Array (VLA), an existing system of 27 radio telescopes and will allow combined operation of the VLBA and the VLA. In addition, two of the proposed VLBA antennas will be nearby. With the proposed array of 10 radio telescopes—from Puerto Rico to Hawaii—astronomers will be able to probe the universe with a resolution 1000 times greater than any existing radio or optical telescope and 100 times that of the future Hubble Space Telescope.

The VLBA will be operated by NRAO as a national facility. NRAO is operated by Associated Universities, Inc., a consortium of nine member universities under contract with the National Science Foundation. The proposed funding increase for VLA for fiscal 1985 (up 62.1% to \$35.4 million) would go for construction of the array (*Eos*, February 14, 1984, p. 49).

## Acid Rain Trends Summarized

In the northeastern United States, the acidity of precipitation has changed little in recent years, although the acidity is increasing in other regions. That's the latest word from a comprehensive review by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) of more than 800 published reports of acid rain research from the past 30 years. The report contributes to the controversy over whether increased sulfur emissions from Midwest powerplants increase the acidity of precipitation in the Northeast.

"When the results of the many individual studies are combined, they show that acidification of precipitation in the Northeast,

which has the most damaging level of acidity on a regional basis, occurred primarily before the mid-1950's and has been largely stabilized since the mid-1960's," said John T. Turk, a research hydrologist at the USGS Denver office and author of the 18-page summary report.

Turk concluded that surface waters in lakes and streams in the Northeast follow a pattern of acidification similar to that of precipitation. The acidification of surface waters occurred before the mid-to-late 1960's; since then, some waters have not acidified further, and other streams show a slight recovery.

Trends in the acidity of precipitation in the southeastern and western parts of the country is far less certain. "In the southeastern United States, the available data show that precipitation is more acidic than would be expected for sites unaffected by manmade emissions," Turk said. "In addition, a comparison of recent precipitation data with the meager historical data suggests an increase in acidification of precipitation since the 1950's." Turk found, however, that most of the available data are ambiguous as to whether acidification of surface water has occurred in the southeast.

Copies of *An Evaluation of Trends in the Acidity of Precipitation and the Related Acidification of Surface Water in North America* (USGS Water Supply Paper 2249) are available for \$2.75 each from the Branch of Distribution, Text Products Section, USGS, 604 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.

## In Congress

## Upcoming Hearings

The following hearings have been tentatively scheduled for the coming weeks by the Senate. Dates and times should be verified with the committee or subcommittee holding the hearing or markup; all offices on Capitol Hill may be reached by telephoning 202-224-3121.

March 7, March 15, March 14: Clean Air Act (P.L. 95-95) amendments (S.768) markup by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Dirksen Building, Room SD-406, 10 A.M.

March 19: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fiscal 1985 budget hearings by the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Capitol, Room S-146, 2 P.M.—BT7

## Geophysical Events

### Volcanic Events

Campi Flegrei (Italy): Uplift and seismicity in the caldera since mid 1982.  
Etna (Sicily): Incandescent tephra from central crater; seismicity.  
Kilauea (Hawaii): 15th-18th major phases of East Rift Zone eruption include lava fountains to 500 m and temperatures to 1147°C.  
Mt. St. Helens (Washington): Deformation and seismicity, then new lobe.  
Veniaminof (Alaska): Lava fountains and flow continue.

Pavlof (Alaska): Plumes on satellite imagery harmonic tremor.  
Pion de la Fournaise (Réunion Is.): Second phase of lava emission.  
Sakurajima (Japan): 1983 explosions and ash-falls tabulated.  
Kusatsu-Shirane (Japan): 1983 activity summarized.  
Rabaul (New Britain): Marked increase in unrest.

Manam (Bismarck Sea): Strombolian activity; explosion cloud to 3.5 km.  
Langila (New Britain): Vulcanian explosions; ashfalls on coast.  
Bagana (Solomon Islands): Two active lava flows.

Erebus (Antarctica): Seismicity normal; SO<sub>2</sub> flux measured.  
Atmospheric Effects: El Chichón cloud persists; lidar data to north pole.  
Campi Flegrei, S Italy (40.83°N, 14.14°E): The following report is from Giuseppe Luongo, Roberto Scandone, and Franco Barberi: "Campi Flegrei (Phlegrean Fields) is a large caldera some 12-14 km across, located roughly 25 km W of Vesuvius and 15 km WSW of the city of Naples. The caldera formed after a huge eruption 36,000 years ago that produced 80 km<sup>3</sup> of dense rock. Several other eruptions of decreasing intensity have occurred since then. In the past 10,800 years at least 22 different centers are recognizable. The last eruption occurred in 1538."

"Campi Flegrei has been the site of slow vertical movements since at least Roman times. A slow subsidence had occurred since the last eruption in 1538. An uplift that was observed in 1970 continued until 1972 without significant seismic activity. The inferred maximum uplift with respect to previous leveling was 170 cm. Slow oscillations of the ground were observed between 1972 and 1982. The oscillation had an annual period with a range of about 10-15 cm per year in the zone of maximum uplift. Since the summer of 1982, the oscillation has not reversed as in previous years. The overall uplift amounted to 110 cm between January 1982 and December 1983 in the zone of maximum movement, within the town of Pozzuoli in the center of the caldera (Figure 1). Repeated leveling surveys in the area have given evidence of an area of uplift of about 6 km radius with a fairly circular symmetry. Horizontal deformation data give evidence of a maximum extension of about 40 cm over 4 km, nearly coincident with the area of maximum vertical uplift."

"In November 1982, moderate seismic activity was observed by the permanent seismic network, which has been operating since 1972. The level of activity was slightly above the microseismic activity in the area. In January 1983, public officials were notified of the anomalous trend of the phenomenon and of the possibility of an increasing seismic and volcanic hazard. In March a distinct increase in seismic activity was observed with the first magnitude 3 earthquake. Since then, ground uplift has continued with a velocity that reached 5 mm per day during October. After October, oscillations in the rate of uplift were observed, with a range between 1 and 4 mm per day. The seismic activity increased following a trend similar to that of the uplift velocity (Figure 2). A magnitude 4 earthquake occurred on October 4 when the rate of uplift reached 5 mm per day. This earthquake caused some building collapses (without injuries) in the town of Pozzuoli. Downtown Pozzuoli was evacuated after this event due to the concern for the increasing seismic hazard. The main part of the town is built of old brick houses which were increasingly affected by the continuous seismic activity. On October 13, 1983, a seismic swarm of some 250 shocks occurred in 5 hours. The maximum magnitude was 3.0."

"The people evacuated from Pozzuoli were temporarily resettled in the resort areas surrounding Campi Flegrei. A new settlement has already been planned on the border of the more vulnerable area. The choice of the location of this settlement was made by public

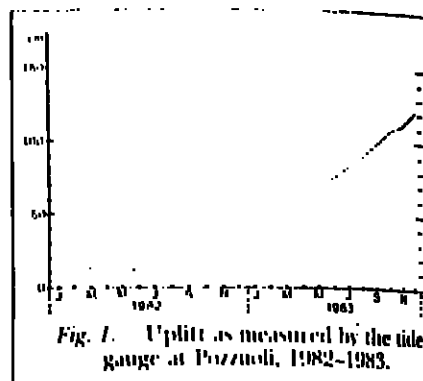


Fig. 1. Uplift as measured by the tide gauge at Pozzuoli, 1982-1983.

authorities in order to minimize the social consequences of evacuating people from their residences. The new settlement is relatively safe from a seismic point of view but is not safe from a maximum probable volcanic event."

"The earthquakes of higher magnitude are mainly confined within a restricted area under the Solfatara crater (Figure 3). They are offset with respect to the area of maximum uplift, and their mean depth is about 3 km. Preliminary focal mechanisms indicate a predominantly tensile field in this area. The data on temporal distribution of earthquakes indicate a swarm-type character of the events. The event of maximum magnitude (4) occurred October 4, 1983, and its epicenter was in the Solfatara area. A close correlation seems to exist between the velocity of uplift and the seismic activity. The more energetic earthquakes seem to coincide with the higher rates of uplift (4-5 mm per day). The shallow character of the seismic activity does not give any evidence of a zone of anomalous propagation of S waves."

"Since April 1983, radon measurements have been made in water wells located in the

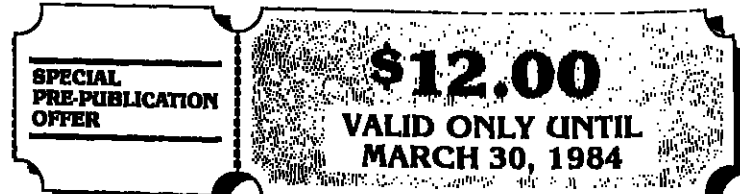
## Correction

On p. 66 of the Feb. 21, 1984, issue of *Eos*, the paragraph in column 2 under *Other Awards* headed "Robert E. Horton Medal" should have appeared at the bottom of column 1, just before the section headed "Robert E. Horton Research Grant."

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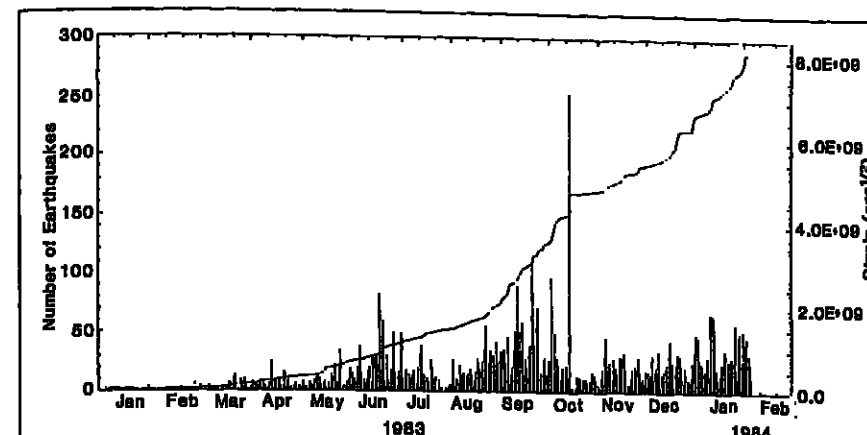


Fig. 2. Daily number of earthquakes at Campi Flegrei (vertical lines) and cumulative strain release (curve), January 1983 to January 1984.

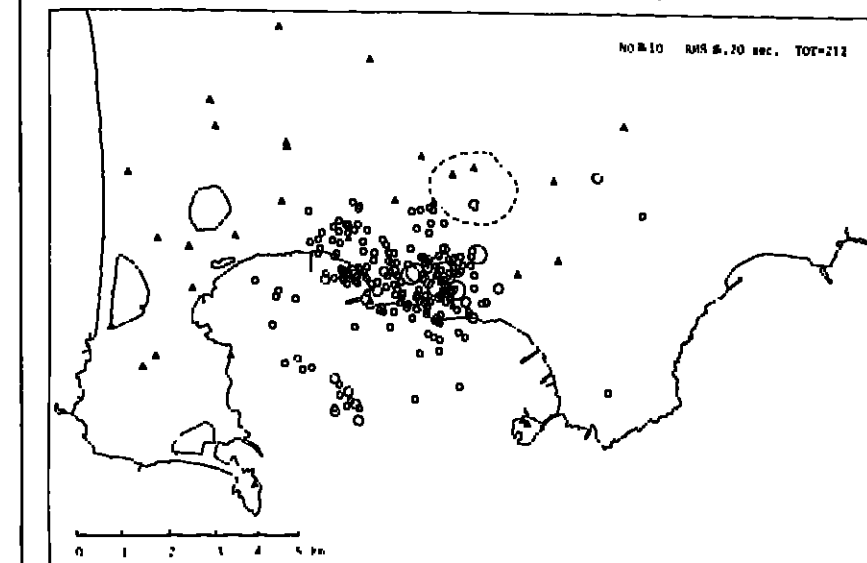


Fig. 3. Distribution of the best-located earthquakes (circles) and positions of seismic stations (triangles).

area. The data are still too preliminary to infer any model. We await a prolonged period of measurements to infer what may be the seasonal trend. Temperatures of the Solfatara fumaroles are also continuously monitored. No significant change has been detected. Gas monitoring of the fumaroles of Solfatara is carried out by several teams from the universities of Palermo, Pisa, and Florence, both by continuous measurement and by periodic sampling. Preliminary data seem to indicate an increase in the energy flux supplied to the deep water table located at 1.2 km depth by the geothermal wells. Two detailed surveys of the helium content of the ground have been performed by a team from the University of Rome. Order of magnitude variations have been detected in a large area NW of the town of Pozzuoli."

"The permanent surveillance network operating in the area comprises measurements of ground deformation and seismic activity,

whose book *Rivers in the Desert: A History of the Negev* was to come later (1989), tells of observing the efforts of Hillel and the other young pioneers in locating and refurbishing the ancient cisterns. Sdeh-Boker has now become a major tourist and cultural center (it is the location of the Institute for Desert Research, affiliated with the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and its success is due in part to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's decision to resign from government and become part of this pioneering effort.

This extremely well written, entertaining book contains flashes of humor. It reads like a novel and is to a large extent autobiographical. The author has the uncommon talent to weave anecdotes into scientific facts and interpretation. The semitechnical style of writing with minimal references, and the scrapbook nature of the photographs add readability and poignancy to the book. The first part (66 pages) is a perceptive description of the ecology of deserts that includes discussions of water, soil, vegetation, ecosystem, animals, and man's relation to the desert. The second part of the book relies heavily on the author's scientific work and personal experiences that are used to describe these elements within the context of the Negev, somewhat as a case study but, perhaps, more as a microcosm of deserts worldwide.

Another fascinating example of the relationship between archeology and hydrology, in addition to the author's comments on reconstruction and importance of the cisterns, is the explanation of the countless heaps, mounds, and strips of gravel found on many hillsides covering scores of square kilometers that are commonly arranged to form regular geometric patterns. Previous speculations were (1) that the gravel mounds supported grapevines rooted under them and that the heat emission from the dark gravel hastened the ripening of the grapes; (2) that the gravel mounds were "aerial wells" designed to condense dew during the night to irrigate the roots of the grapevines; and (3) that the mounds were built to increase the rate of erosion from the hillsides to hasten the deposition of soil in the bottom-land terraces.

Actually, the mounds and ridges are an inadvertent artifact with no utilitarian value, but merely represent the accumulation of gravel that the early people cleared from the surface. Hillel's personal research demonstrated that, where the gravel pavement is removed, the unstable, loess-like soil slakes down to form a surface seal that markedly reduces the infiltration of water.

The main guides that he and his colleagues had for the Negev in the early days were the Bible and *The Wilderness of Zin* written by two British archeologists, C. L. Woolley and T. E. Lawrence, the latter who was to become the famed "Lawrence of Arabia." Nelson Glueck,

and monitoring of gas content and temperatures of fumaroles. Vertical ground deformation is measured by a repeated leveling of a permanent network and is also checked daily by a tide gauge in Pozzuoli harbor. The permanent seismic network operating in the area (Figure 3) is composed of 22 vertical seismometers, 15 of which are cable connected to a central point in Naples. A seismic explosion campaign has been planned in the Gulf of Pozzuoli to provide information on the deeper structure of the area. In cooperation with University of Wisconsin seismologists, a temporary network of 10 three-component stations with high dynamic range has been deployed in the area and will operate for some months."

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Rabaul Caldera, New Britain Island, Papua New Guinea (4.27°S, 152.20°E).

This report is from P. Lowenstein: "There was a marked increase in the amount of unrest in Rabaul Caldera during January, with a total of 8572 volcanic earthquakes recorded, an increase of 1255 over the December total (see last month's Bulletin)."

"A major seismic crisis took place on January 15 when 942 earthquakes occurred, including several strongly felt events. The maximum magnitude earthquake (ML 4.9) was accompanied by underground rumbling sounds. This crisis was accompanied by a maximum tilt change of 32.5 microradians at Rapindik tilt station and a lateral intrusion of about 0.3 x 106 m<sup>3</sup> of magma at a depth of 0.9-1.1 km. This resulted in a shift of the center of maximum uplift of about 1 km to the NW of its previous location, bringing it closer to Rapindik than to Tavuvuvu."

"The overall distribution of earthquakes in January was similar to that in December, with high concentrations on the NE (Greet Harbour) and W (Keravina Bay) sides of the harbor. Local concentrations of events also occurred along the Rapindik-NE-SW fault line after the seismic crisis on January 15."

"Steady inflation of the Keravina Bay and Greet Harbour magma reservoirs continued throughout the month. The lateral intrusion of magma under Greet Harbour resulted in a maximum uplift of 6 cm in Greet Harbour and a vertical displacement of 5 cm along the Rapindik Fault."

"As a result of the increased activity in January, a warning was issued to the authorities to the effect that the eruption, which was previously thought to be only a possibility when the stage 2 volcanic alert was declared on October 28, was now much more likely to occur within the next few months."

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## Earthquakes

Information contacts: National Earthquake Information Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Stop 967, Denver Federal Center, Box 25046, Denver, CO 80225.

## Meteoritic Events

Fireballs: Austria (2); Austria-Czechoslovakia; N Central USA—S Central Canada; Florida; Pennsylvania-New Jersey, Pennsylvania, USA

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## Earthquakes

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Jan. 1	0904	6.5 mb	33.40°N	137.32°E	374 km	S of Honshu, Japan
Jan. 8	1324	6.6 M <sub>s</sub>	2.82°S	118.80°E	shallow	W Sulawesi, Indonesia

## Books

### Negev: Land, Water, and Life in a Desert Environment

Daniel Hillel, Praeger, New York, xx + 270 pp., 1982, \$32.95.

Reviewed by William Back

In view of the continuing increased concern about the extreme fragility of deserts and desert margins, *Negev* provides a timely discussion of land-use practices compatible with the often conflicting goals of preservation and development. The success of agricultural and hydrologic experiments in the Negev desert of Israel offers hope to the large percentage of the world's population that lives with an unacceptably low quality of life in desert margins. Deserts are the one remaining type of open space that, with proper use, has the potential for alleviating the misery often associated with expanding population.

In addition to the science in the book, the author repeatedly reinforces the concept that "western civilization is inextricably bound to the Negev and its environs, from which it has drawn, via its desert-born religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—many of the mores and concepts, and much of the imagery and love of the desert, including man's relation to nature and to 'God.' Deserts often are erroneously perceived to be areas of no water. In reality, these are areas in which a little rainfall occurs sporadically and unpredictably over time. This meager water supply can be meticulously garnered to produce nutritious crops and forage."

Daniel Hillel, the internationally recognized soil physicist, was one of the original 16 founders of the pioneer settlement of Kibbutz Sdeh-Boker in 1951. Much of their early work was to study the methodology that early civilizations used to obtain water, to repeat their techniques, and to attempt to improve them. The author develops a strong archeological and historical theme about use of water from the time of the earliest people of the Negev up to the recent, sophisticated techniques of water management.

The main guides that he and his colleagues had for the Negev in the early days were the Bible and *The Wilderness of Zin* written by two British archeologists, C. L. Woolley and T. E. Lawrence, the latter who was to become the famed "Lawrence of Arabia." Nelson Glueck,

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swell plus wind waves in fully developed seas. Monthly global maps of wind, significant wave height, and minimum swell from Seasat show only the expected zonal patterns due to the trade winds and other major wind systems but also wind and wave features on scales as small as 1000 km. Winds and sea states were highest in the Southern Ocean, and the local maxima migrated eastward from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean and finally into the Pacific during the summer of 1978. Using successive 3-day maps, swell fields have been tracked from their initial formation in the Southern Ocean northward through the Pacific toward North America (Figure 2).

Amplitudes and phases of ocean tidal components can be recovered with satellite altimeter data. The amplitude and phase of the  $M_2$  tide in the Indian Ocean were obtained from a 2-dimensional, space-time, least squares harmonic analysis of the last month of the collinear Seasat data (Figure 3). There are four interacting amphidromic points surrounding a large area of maximum amplitude and stationary phase. This solution shows an enhancement of 10 to 20 cm in the maximum amplitude in the middle of the ocean compared with most models. Comparisons with the Schwiderski model indicate a shift northward for the amphidromic point near Australia and a southward shift for the one near Madagascar.

## Ocean Circulation and Variability

Mesoscale eddies (scales of 50 to several hundred kilometers) occur in all oceans and are responsible for much of the horizontal mixing. The most intense eddies are associated with western boundary currents and other concentrated flows. Eddies may alter the amplitude of the sea surface by as much as 1 m. The meandering of intense currents, which generate many of the eddies, is considered part of the total eddy field.

Many of the altimetric techniques developed for observing sea height variability due to eddies are independent of orbit and geoid error. The method of collinear differences can be used for the last 25 days of the Seasat mission when the ground track was repeated within 2 km every 3 days. Mesoscale variability can be observed in those repeated profiles since the geoid is constant in time. Meandering currents and migrating eddies appear as wave-like signals propagating through the altimeter profiles. A global map of mesoscale variability compiled from all the Seasat collinear data (cover) shows the largest variability associated with five major current systems: the Gulf Stream, Kuroshio, Agulhas, Antarctic Circumpolar, and the Falkland/Brasil Confluence. As expected, there is a marked contrast between high energy in the western parts of ocean basins and low energy in the east. Several areas such as the Eastern Pacific and South Atlantic are remarkably quiet with rms variability of only 1–2 cm. Because of the existence of these vast, low-energy regions, the North Equatorial Current systems in both the Pacific and Atlantic appear as zonal variability maxima. The relationship of this variability to bottom topography in the Southern Ocean can be interpreted in a manner consistent with theoretical concepts. For example, the generation of anticyclonic eddies is suggested downstream of the Macquarie Ridge.

Using this collinear data set, the wavenumber spectra of mesoscale variability were found to be a function of energy level. In

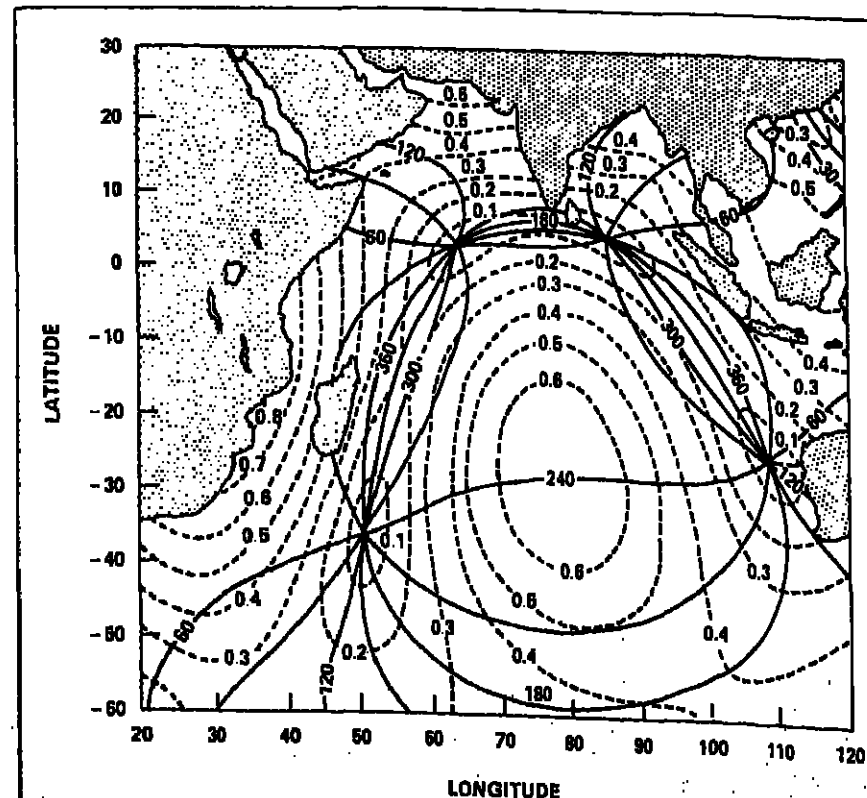


Fig. 7. Map of the  $M_2$  oceanic tide solution for the Indian Ocean computed from Seasat altimeter data; contour lines (solid lines) in degrees; contour lines (broken lines) in meters (Mazzeo, 1983) (reprinted with permission, Macmillan Journals Ltd., Washington, D. C.).

high-energy areas close to major current systems, most of the energy is at wavelengths greater than 250 km. The spectrum follows a  $k^2$  dependence as predicted by geostrophic turbulence theory. In low-energy areas, the spectrum follows a  $k^4$  dependence from 100 to 1000 km, not significantly different from predictions of an atmospheric forcing model.

The collinear method can also be applied to the GEOS-3 altimeter data in the western North Atlantic where the data are particularly dense. Eddy kinetic energy computed from 3.5 years of GEOS-3 data (Figure 4) shows maxima of 1000–2000  $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$  in the Loop Current and Gulf Stream meander and ring region, with minimum values of approximately 200  $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$  toward mid-ocean, consistent with recent results from satellite-tracked drifting buoys. A significant difference between the altimetric map and those derived previously from ship drift data is the absence of high variability in the Gulf Stream along the coast. This graphically demonstrates that the altimeter is able to determine the energy associated with eddying motions (temporal variability) uncontaminated by contributions from strong horizontal gradients (spatial variability).

Alternatively, the gravitational signal can be removed directly by subtracting a detailed geoid model, such as the  $5' \times 5'$  GSCF geoid model for the western North Atlantic. Thus, the Gulf Stream and its rings can be observed in individual passes of altimeter data, and near-synoptic maps of the Gulf Stream can be produced. Similarly, the geoid can be removed from a regional surface computed from a grid of altimeter data. This application was demonstrated using only two weeks of Seasat altimeter data. The resulting residual maps show the 1-m dynamic height change of the Gulf Stream and several warm and cold core rings. This technique could be used during the GEOSAT mission to monitor monthly the Gulf Stream system. A final method for eddy detection is to use a long-term altimeter surface as a reference to locate ring anomalies in individual profiles. A mean sea surface generated from 3.5 years of GEOS-3 data plus 3 months of Seasat data has been successfully used for locating cold eddies in the Sargasso Sea.

Several groups have addressed the problem of determining global ocean circulation using existing altimeter data and global geoid models. Although present geoid models are known to be relatively inaccurate at short and intermediate wavelengths (a few hundred to a few thousand kilometers), the longer wavelengths are very well determined from tracking of numerous earth-orbiting satellites. Recent Goddard Earth Models (such as GEM-12 and PGS-54) are probably accurate to 10 cm at wavelengths greater than 10,000 km. Since this is comparable to the scale of most ocean basins, these geoid models might be used to determine the gyre-scale flows.

In the initial computation of the mean altimetric surface, the radial orbit error (which for Seasat and GEOS-3 is of the order of 1 m), must be treated. However, solutions have been generated which reproduce some features of dynamic topography maps based upon hydrographic data. Each one treats the orbit error in a different way. In the first case a global altimetric surface was computed from 1.5 years of GEOS-3 data set combined with the 3-month Seasat data set. With such a large quantity of altimeter data over a relatively long period, much of the radial error was probably removed through averaging. When this surface is differenced with the PGS-54 geoid, a model developed especially for Seasat, gyre-scale features with the proper sense of flow are obtained (Figure 5). A global surface was also computed from only three

days of Seasat altimeter data from which a Fourier series representation of the radial orbit error was removed through an analysis of crossover differences (where ascending and descending ground tracks intersect), together with the along-track altimeter data. A third surface was determined from a spherical harmonic analysis of the differences between the GEM-12 geoid and a 3-month Seasat altimeter surface of the Pacific. All three of these surfaces show similar gyre-scale features, a remarkable result considering the magnitude of the present altimetric and geoid errors.

A quasi-geostrophic, statistical-dynamic model has been used to simulate a satellite altimetric mission using the POLYMODE data set. The net improvement of ocean predictions achieved by 4-dimensional data assimilation of altimetric data, in addition to in situ observations, through optimal estimation theory, was demonstrated for hypothetical satellite tracks. Satellite altimetry can be further used to develop the correlation functions needed on a global basis to specify the error model for this method.

Eddy-resolving general ocean circulation models demonstrate the spin-up of an oceanic gyre by steady wind forcing and the generation of eddies by various hydrodynamic instabilities. The models reach a dynamical equilibrium between the mean and fluctuating flows, whose statistics show reasonable agreement with observations. These results suggest productive simulations could be performed in advance of an altimetric mission to determine whether eddy generation processes could be tracked by satellite altimetry. Also, statistics determined from altimetry could be used to validate the models.

A two-layered, semi-enclosed basin (Gulf of Mexico) model simulated that the eddy-shedding process could be studied by satellite altimetry. One to two eddies are shed per year, with horizontal scales of 50 to 350 km and dynamic height amplitudes of 75 cm. Seasat altimetric passes have produced altimetric signatures consistent with model predictions. An equatorial reduced gravity wave model driven by slowly varying wind forcing has demonstrated the significant, wind-driven circulation events which propagate along the equatorial waveguide; e.g., those which lead to El Niño over the course of a few months. Satellite altimetry may contribute to studying this problem, and this model seems promising for sensitivity testing of the equatorial oceanic response to the quality of the atmospheric forcing determined from conventional wind analyses versus "unconventional" satellite wind data sources. A two-layered, global scale, dynamic general ocean circulation model is being developed by the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity for operational use at the Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center. A preliminary, one-layered version yields an

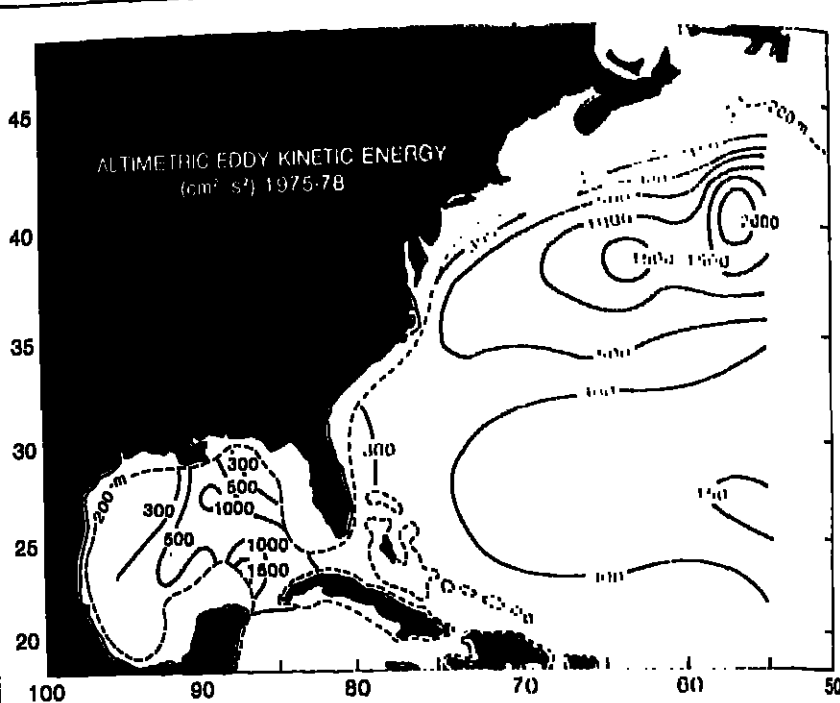


Fig. 4. Eddy kinetic energy computed from GEOS-3 altimeter over a period of 3.5 years by the collinear method for the Gulf Stream region (Douglas et al., 1983).

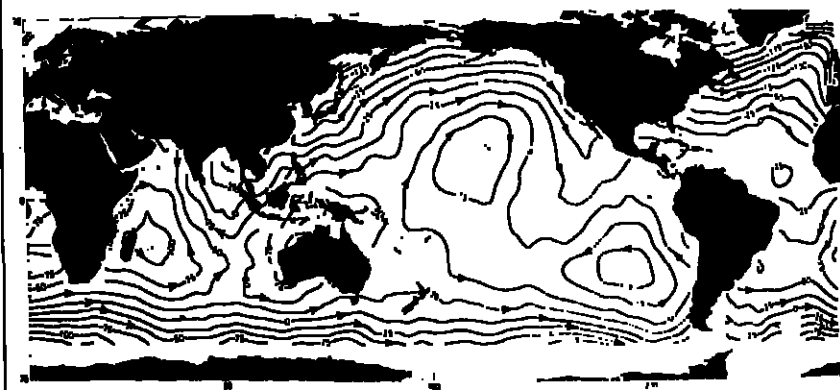


Fig. 5. Dynamic ocean topography generated from a long-term mean sea surface consisting of 1.5 years of GEOS-3 and three months of Seasat altimeter data for the Gulf Stream region. A global geoid model (PGS-54) was subtracted from the altimetric surface to remove the contribution of gravity gradients (Cheney and Marsh, 1982).

estimate of the seasonal mean dynamic topography which can be related to that determined by satellite altimetry.

## Geology, Bathymetry and Ice Mapping

Bathymetric features, including the mid-ocean ridges, trenches, fracture zones, plateaus, and seamounts all produce corresponding features in the marine geoid as observed by satellite altimetry. The larger features, for example the Pacific trenches are easily identified by inspection of the contour maps of the mean sea surface. Geoid features of a few tens of centimeters corresponding to smaller bathymetric features are sometimes difficult to identify. Using a matched filter for seamount detection, three uncharted seamounts have been detected in the western Pacific, and the geoid amplitude and degree of isostatic compensation for 14 of the Marianas seamounts have been estimated.

Over the Marianas seamounts, bathymetry has been predicted to better than 500 m. A mean sea surface has been high-pass filtered to emphasize those spectral components that correlate with seafloor topography and crustal structure. Several major and apparently new features have been revealed. For example, the Louisville Ridge appears to be a continuous series of short, volcano-ridge segments or seamount pairs. The region south-east of Valdivia Guyot shows no topographic anomaly.

High-resolution geoid gradient maps of the South Pacific based upon a combination of the GEOS-3 and Seasat altimeter data have been constructed. Altimeter crossover height discrepancies associated with long wavelength radial orbit error were suppressed by taking the along-track derivatives of the ascending and descending passes. These geoid slopes were then routed into the north and east components of the geoid gradient were computed. In this region of the South Pacific, there are a number of  $5' \times 5'$  areas without any depth soundings whereas altimetric coverage of this area is relatively dense. Consequently, many previously undetected features appear on the maps. For example, 78 uncharted seamounts having geoid expressions greater than or equal to Easter Island's expression have been revealed. The dominant features, however, are the large age-offset fracture zones (FZs) such as the Etanin and Ulukou FZs. The Etanin FZ is connected to the Louisville Ridge; combined, they produce a continuous geoid signature across most of the South Pacific. This supports the hypothesis of D. Hayes and J. Ewing that the Louisville Ridge is the northwest extension of the Etanin FZ.

Using digital enhancement techniques to analyze  $1' \times 1'$  gravity anomalies, features in the gravity field with amplitudes greater than 5–15 mGal and wavelengths greater than 50 km have been resolved. In the Indo-Pacific basin, where sparse data coverage has limited previous tectonic studies, bathymetric features such as trenches, ridges, fracture zones and seamounts are clearly visible. Seamounts are tracked areas of smooth terrain including deserts, salt flats, ice sheets, tundra, and valleys. The altimeter tracker did not respond quickly enough over most non-ocean features; however, the waveform data have been retracted to achieve accuracy levels of better than a meter. The Seasat altimetric overland data base consists of more than 400 hours at a measurement rate of 0.1 second or potential overflight profiling lengths of approximately 100 km.

Overland analyses for south central Arizona, the Imperial Valley of California, the Yuma Valley of Arizona and the Florida Everglades have yielded surface elevations over smooth terrain accurate to plus or minus 1 m when correlated with large scale maps. Detailed analyses of ice topography in the polar regions have provided regional maps with a precision of a few decimeters.

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100 km have been resolved. In the Indo-Pacific basin, where sparse data coverage has limited previous tectonic studies, bathymetric features such as trenches, ridges, fracture zones and seamounts are clearly visible.

Seasat also tracked areas of smooth terrain including deserts, salt flats, ice sheets, tundra, and valleys. The altimeter tracker did not respond quickly enough over most non-ocean features; however, the waveform data have been retracted to achieve accuracy levels of better than a meter. The Seasat altimetric overland data base consists of more than 400 hours at a measurement rate of 0.1 second or potential overflight profiling lengths of approximately 100 km.

Overland analyses for south central Arizona, the Imperial Valley of California, the Yuma Valley of Arizona and the Florida Everglades have yielded surface elevations over smooth terrain accurate to plus or minus 1 m when correlated with large scale maps. Detailed analyses of ice topography in the polar regions have provided regional maps with a precision of a few decimeters.

Future research should attempt to utilize the new, large-scale computing systems such as the Cyber 205 vector processor as well as the versatile minicomputer systems.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the presentations and discussions at the seminar, we make the following recommendations.

## Sensors

Since measurements show that at 13.5 GHz, height errors due to EM bias are 10 to 25 cm for 5 m significant wavelengths, this problem is worth eliminating from the data. Both experimental (aircraft and wave tank) investigations as well as theoretical studies are needed to understand and quantify this bias.

A modest incremental investment in a clever modification could produce a wealth of additional information with multibeam altimeters.

An additional rain gate would, besides providing rain information—which is useful in its own right—offer the prospect of identifying and correcting for a significant source of error: rain cells in the altimeter footprint.

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then argued that a convective heat flux of this magnitude would freeze the magma chamber at fast spreading ridges; therefore the true value was likely much lower. He summarized seismic reflection data from the Lau Basin back-arc spreading center and the East Pacific Rise (EPR) at 9°N; the results indicate magma chamber depths of about 2 km in both cases. These depths, together with models of magma chamber shapes, suggest an axial heat flux of only about 0.2–0.5  $\times 10^{10}$  cal per year, with the lower value being favored.

Jenkins briefly reviewed evidence that  $^3\text{He}$  is outgassed from the oceanic crust at a rate of about  $6 \times 10^{10}$  atoms per year. A part of this flux is reflected in the high  $^3\text{He}$  concentrations near the East Pacific Rise at 20°S and 5°N, reflecting inputs from high temperature axial vents found along the crest of the EPR. The  $^3\text{He}$  distribution, along with the dynamical models of Stammler [1982], suggest an axial flux from the EPR of about  $0.6 \times 10^{10}$  atoms per year. Assuming that the heat/ $^3\text{He}$  ratio in all axial vents is 7.5  $\times 10^9$  cal per atom [Jenkins et al., 1978], the heat flux for EPR axial vents is estimated by Jenkins as  $0.5 \times 10^{10}$  cal per year. A roughly equal axial flux might be expected from the remainder of the mid-ocean ridge system, giving a total high temperature axial heat flux of about  $1 \times 10^{10}$  cal per year. The remainder of the  $^3\text{He}$  is presumably degassed in convection systems on the ridge flanks.

Kathy Crane (Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory) reported that she had towed thermistors over a 400-km segment of the Juan de Fuca Ridge, and a 900-km segment of the East Pacific Rise. Temperature anomalies suggested the presence of roughly one vent field for each 100-km of ridge length. Crane has used a dynamical model to calculate axial convective heat fluxes from the temperature data. A globally extrapolated value of  $1.5 \times 10^{10}$  cal per year is obtained, which is close to the upper limit calculated by Sleep et al., [1984] assuming complete crustal quenching.

John Edmond (MIT) discussed hot spring chemistry in the three hydrothermal systems studied by his group, those at the Galapagos Spreading Center [Edmond et al., 1979], the East Pacific Rise at 21°N, and the sediment-covered ridge in the Guaymas Basin. In all systems, the discharging waters are depleted in  $\text{Mg}^{++}$  and  $\text{SO}_4^{--}$ , and highly enriched in  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , and  $\text{Rb}^+$ .  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  concentrations range between approximately 90–110% of the seawater concentrations. H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations are 4–9 mM. Values for pH and alkalinity are low or even negative for Galapagos and EPR, but (along with NH<sub>4</sub>) high in Guaymas owing to reactions with the sediment prior to discharge.

Assuming, for the sake of discussion, that the axial convective heat flux is equal to

## Orbits and Data Processing

Seasat radial orbit accuracy has been improved to better than 50 cm. Further improvements are possible with existing data as more accurate earth gravity models and other geodetic models are developed.

Algorithms should be developed that continuously output to the geophysical data records (GDR) the statistical uncertainties in the derived parameters. This is done with maximum-likelihood and error-propagation methods. These uncertainties then allow the user to decide whether and how to employ the GDR's.

An updated Seasat GDR should be produced. This GDR would have a more accurate orbit, improved geophysical and instrument corrections, and estimates of uncertainties.

Future research should attempt to utilize the new, large-scale computing systems such as the Cyber 205 vector processor as well as the versatile minicomputer systems.

## Scientific Applications and Models

Satellite altimetry offers a means, for the first time, to address various unknown aspects of the general (global, climatological mean) ocean circulation with a common observational system. Also of great importance, it will permit estimation of the evolution of the transient, synoptic scale circulation, which is required for understanding the ocean's response to various external and internal forcings. Some information on synoptic scale variability can be extracted from altimetric data at "face value." However, to extract much of the scientifically significant information, because of its nonuniform space-time sampling characteristics, the altimetric data will have to be passed through a dimensional data assimilation scheme, where dynamical and statistical methods are used to interpolate and extrapolate the data to a regular, space-time grid. The most complete and correct data interpretation may take place in the model-output rather than the model-input phase. Numerical ocean circulation models can already be useful for data interpretation in the sense of providing analogs for pattern recognition purposes. They should also be very useful for simulating altimetric data missions in order to assess the ability of such missions to recover, by inversion, an accurate characterization of

the ocean's space-time circulation structure as a function of mission parameters. Overall, the future use of satellite remotely sensed data of the ocean, especially those associated with the ocean dynamical variables observed with the altimeter, will be critically linked to numerical ocean models, both statistical and dynamical.

Overland tracking by satellite altimeters represents an important new technique for terrain mapping, regional tectonic studies, monitoring of vertical crustal movements, and mapping ice sheet topography.

## Scientific Communications and Cooperation

The further scientific use of satellite altimetry may be fostered by joint geodesy/ocean sciences sessions at AGU meetings. There will remain the need for in-depth discussions of scientific results in a workshop format; the Pilot Ocean Data System Science Steering Group may sponsor the next altimetric workshop in 2 or 3 years.

## European Missions

Since the Europeans will be active with their own altimetric satellites late in the decade, scientific communication between members of European and American scientific teams will be essential. Even more important is the promotion of freely-flowing, two-way data exchanges between these communities.

## GEOSAT

Beginning in 1984, the Navy's GEOSAT promises to provide useful data for several years, bridging the GEOS-3/Seasat and the NROSS/TOPEX eras, since it will be the only altimetric satellite available in that period, it is important that the ocean science community have access to the data (at least to its unclassified ocean residual, i.e., after a classified geoid has been removed from the original data). Since there is likely to be extensive interest in this data set, it should be made broadly available through the Pilot Ocean Data System. However, there is a need to have adequate documentation and quality assurance of the classified aspects of the data stream in order to preserve the scientific integrity and utility of the data base.

## Operational Applications

Synoptic sequences of altimetric topography on a weekly time scale could reveal the

evolution of transient ocean circulation features, allowing the forecast, for example, of El Niño events which evolve over the course of a few months on an ocean basin-wide scale. Undoubtedly, operational use of wind, wind wave, and swell information can be anticipated.

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## INSTRUCTOR/ ASSISTANT PROFESSOR GEOLOGY- GEOGRAPHY

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### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Department of Geological Sciences  
Southern Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas 75275.

Research Assistantship/University of Maryland. The Meteorology Department of the University of Maryland has research assistantships on a graduate student basis for Fall Semester 1984. The Department offers courses of study leading to the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in meteorology. Students with a bachelor's degree in meteorology, the physical sciences, mathematics, or engineering are invited to apply.

Situated in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., the University is in an ideal location for action with the large meteorological community of the area. The Department has cooperative research agreements with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Access to facilities of these and other government agencies, including the large computers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and NASA, are important resources for students at Maryland. The Cooperative Institute for Climate Research and the Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Interactions, both established recently on campus, offer the student expanded opportunities for advanced study and research in climate analysis, modeling and prediction. A large number of private and government agencies within the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area offer employment opportunities.

Interested individuals are encouraged to write for more information to the following address: Chairman, Department of Meteorology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

Research Fellowships at the University of Notre Dame. Fellowships in groundwater hydrology and biogeochemistry are currently available in the Environmental Engineering Program of the Civil Engineering Department. Successful applicants will be awarded annual stipends of up to \$10,000 plus full tuition. For additional information, contact Dr. Aaron A. Jennings, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (219-259-5849).

State University of New York at Buffalo Assistantship Opportunity. The Department of Geological Sciences invites graduate applicants for Fall 1984. Graduate/Teaching assistantships offer a stipend up to \$5500.00 for 10 months, plus tuition waiver. Special assistantships in geophysics, geochemistry-mineralogy, and glaciology carrying a 10-month stipend of \$2700.00 plus tuition waiver are available. Additional summer support is possible. Applications can be obtained from the Department of Geological Sciences, 4540 Ridge Lea, Amherst, NY 14226, 710-831-3051. Deadline for receipt of all materials is March 30, 1984.

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## AGU

### Science and Policy on Capitol Hill

Arthur B. Weissman

I spent my year as the 1982-1983 AGU Congressional Science Fellow as legislative assistant to Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.), covering environment and energy issues. I offer this final report of my year not only for potential Congressional Science Fellows but for all readers of Eos who may want to contribute to science policy making (but are afraid to try).

My primary goal was to get a broad exposure to issues, organizations, people, and the legislative process; this I achieved beyond my expectation. Congress, remarkably, is set up like a vast marketplace: There are vendors (the lobbyists and interest groups) and consumers (the constituents), and each group makes its desires known to the members of Congress, who act as brokers. Issues are strewn about like so many fish—some stale and rancid; others fresh and meaty, the catch of the day. And there is no real respite: Problems requiring a response (if not a solution) will seek out even the most diffident Member or staffer.

What makes Congress frustrating is that the market operates on such a strange, hurried, and wait schedule. Of course, Congress can act quickly when absolutely necessary, as in its adoption of the Social Security Act last year. But where consensus has not developed, or where an issue is too complex or abstract to merit immediate consideration, Congress can be notoriously slow in acting. In my field, environmental science, there were a number of pending issues which were either too complex or too controversial to receive the action they warranted—reauthorization of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act and consideration of an acid deposition control program, to name only a few. I watched in frustration as budgetary and defense matters marched through, and many of the issues on which I (and many others) worked hard and long remained stalled either in committee or on the floor. The lesson, though hard, was very clear.

Nonetheless, I gained considerable experience working on legislation and seeing what the legislative process entails. I developed some proposals for acid deposition control and some amendments on the ocean discharge waiver issue (Sec. 301(h) of the Clean Water Act), which directly affected Connecticut. In the course of drafting these bills for the Senator I learned how powerful can be many interest groups (helpful or troublesome, depending on their stand) and how possessively Congressional committees guard their jurisdictions when noncommittee members offer proposals. I learned too how the scientific aspects of the issues, which occupied much of my time, played in counterpoint (or often in mere accompaniment) to other political considerations. And I saw how both science and politics got transmogrified by counsel into cold, statutory language that elucidated neither the science nor the politics behind the measure.

There is much else, of course, that occupies a Senator's office besides legislation, and I did a good share of casework involving constituent problems with federal laws and agencies. Though exchequed by many, such casework reveals much about how government actually works (or doesn't work). It was gratifying to be able to help out towns, companies, and individuals through the weight of the Senator's office. While it can be frustrating to be besieged by endless requests and demands, I realized that citizens are better off for having members of Congress who are directly accountable to them.

There is good news for the scientist who would influence legislation. With the plethora of issues and of the remedies proposed goes unexamined in Congress. Scientists can provide useful, substantive advice even if they do not work on the Hill, especially for the personal offices of Senators and Congressmen, which rarely have staff scientists at hand to help them with complex technical issues. Concerned scientists should develop a relationship with the staff of their own Senator or Congressman, particularly with the legislative director and the legislative assistant in the relevant area. Correspondence is not sufficient (the Hill operates on personal contacts), so telephone calls and personal visits are always advised. An alternate route for influencing Congressional affairs is to become an advisor to an interest group. In either case, a persuasive argument communicated in a personal, direct way can be a significant influence on a Member of Congress (or his staff) looking for clarity in a maze of ideas, people, and paper.

Scientists (and science) can in fact do a lot to shape events in Congress. A good example of bad influence by scientists is the money Congress awarded last year to Catholic University and Columbia for materials science laboratories without any peer review or Congressional committee authorization. For those

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Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to AGU. For further details, write Member Programs Division, American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 or telephone 462-6903 or 800-424-2488 outside the Washington, D.C., area.

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who think that science is irrelevant in policy making, there is the recent counterexample of budget director David Stockman holding up an acid deposition control program because of scientific uncertainty. Admittedly, the Administration's bottom line here is money and votes, not consistency, but scientific considerations play a big role in the management of this problem.

There is much, however, that a scientist (and science) cannot do in Congress. Scientific information and reasoning in themselves do not provide usable answers to Congressional decision makers. Science must be transformed and cast in terms of social value judgments, which are the real fare of Congress. The acid deposition issue ultimately requires a balancing of regional and social costs and values. Environmental protection in one place may necessitate increased living costs or even job losses in another. What legislators need from scientists is a clarification of effects and consequences. For example, in the ocean discharge issue, scientists should clarify the possible effects on water quality of increased biological oxygen demand and toxic loadings owing to reduced municipal sewage treatment.

Decisions on policy are value judgments based on many different considerations—political, economic, and political as well as scientific. The scientist may consider herself or himself equipped to render such judgments (staff scientists are in fact asked to make such recommendations), but the scientist should realize that, in doing so, a professional boundary is being crossed. Charting the course of that fine line, and watching it bend and bulge with the flow of events, are among the inimitable challenges and adventures of working as a scientist in Congress.

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### AGU Membership Applications

Applications for membership have been received from the following individuals. The letter after the name denotes the proposed primary section affiliation.

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#### Student Status

Theodore G. Apotria (T), D. Kent Backlund (T), William R. Blackport (H), William J. Dunn (GP), Steven Eckes (SS), Horacio Fejra (V), Brian Hausback (V), Robert W. Lane (H), Desmond Lee Ling Chye (S), Stewart L. Moses (SM), Douglas E. Sampson (G), Gee-Shang Pan (T), Daniel E. Searns (VP), Ingrid Sandahl (SM), Terry Searns (GP), James E. Stefano (T), Timothy Suko (H), Sally Jo Sutton (H), Gerard Tangu (S), Joseph F. Tiller (S), Frank Toffoletto (SM), David M. Trull (S), Gail T. Vogt (T), Jonathan L. Wilson (S), Mark Zielenki (T).

## Meetings

### Announcements

#### Applied Numerical Modeling

December 28-31, 1984 Fourth International Conference on Applied Numerical Modeling, Tainan, Taiwan. (S. Y. Wang, School of Engineering, Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677; telephone: 601-252-7219.)

Abstracts of approximately 300 words should be sent to the above address no later than April 1. There will be general sessions, technical sessions, and panel discussions, as well as a tour of research and teaching facilities at the host institution. Featured lectures and invited and contributed papers will focus on computational mechanics. The topics include solid mechanics, soil mechanics and geomechanics, structural analysis and design, fluid flow simulation, hydraulic and hydrologic models, biosystem analysis and simulation, numerical modeling methodology, and dynamic systems.

#### Freshwater Chemistry

September 10-14, 1984 International Symposium on Hydrochemical Balances of Freshwater Systems, Uppsala, Sweden. Sponsors, Swedish Natural Science Research Council, UNESCO, and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences. (M. Falkenmark, Exec. Sec. NFRS, Comm. for Hydrology, Box 6711, S-11385 Stockholm, Sweden.)

The deadline for early registration for the symposium is April 1. Symposium and workshop sessions will take up such topics as water interaction with soil and rock, water quality problems in developing countries, data collection, human influence on freshwater systems, sorption-desorption phenomena in natural systems, hydrochemical and sediment-geochemical data as a tool for deciphering hydrological processes, and hydrochemical budgeting and modeling for catchment areas, lakes, and other hydrological units.

In conjunction with the symposium, an excursion to the Verka River Basin, one of Sweden's Representative and Experimental Basins within the International Hydrological Decade, will take place on Wednesday, September 12.

#### Lake Management

October 16-19, 1984 International Symposium on Lake and Watershed Management: Local Involvement, McAfee, N. J. Sponsor, North American Lake Management Society. (Harry Gibbins, Jr., Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Washington State Univ., Sloan Hall 141, Pullman, WA 99164-2912.)

Abstracts of not more than one double-spaced page must be submitted by April 15. The symposium will focus on material relating to lake and watershed management techniques and research oriented toward management goals, including grass roots participation. For the first time, an award will be presented for the best contributed student paper. HydroLab has established this award.

The following topic codes should be used to identify papers: A1, water quality assessment methods; A2, restoration techniques; A3, quality criteria and standards; A4, economic benefits of improving water quality; B1, point source pollution control techniques; B2, waste load allocation techniques; B3, non-point source pollution control techniques; B4, water shed management; B5, land use options for management purposes; C1, modeling techniques and innovations; C2, toxics in surface waters; C3, macrophyte control; C4, taste and odor control and dynamics; C5, bio-manipulation techniques; C6, fishery management.

D1, acidic precipitation effects on surface waters; D2, agricultural runoff and water quality; D3, urban runoff and water quality; D4, mining effects on water quality; E1, political realities of lake management; E2, the role of lake associations and watershed districts; E3, public awareness and education concepts; E4, distribution and financial options for water quality management; E5, case studies of successful water quality improvements; E6, case studies of trends of eutrophication in surface waters; and E7, reservoirs and lakes comparisons.

#### Air and Oceans in Northern Latitudes

October 3-5, 1984 Symposium on Meteorology and Oceanography of Northern High Latitudes, Anchorage, Alaska. Sponsors, American Meteorological Society and AAAS. Stuart Bigler, National Weather Service, 701 C St., P.O. Box 28, Anchorage, AK 99513. Abstracts of fewer than 200 words should be submitted by April 1.

Papers are solicited on all aspects of high latitude meteorology and oceanography, although the focus will be on time scales ranging from less than a day to several months. Sessions are planned on the following topics: air-sea interaction in the high latitudes of the North Pacific; long-range forecasting for the Alaska region; meteorological aspects of air pollution in the far north, with special emphasis on the Fairbanks region; and the variability and predictability of sea ice conditions in Alaskan waters. Papers describing results from the Bering Sea Marginal Ice Zone Experiment (MIZE) are encouraged.

Authors will be notified of acceptance of papers in early May.

#### Water Management

April 4-6, 1984 Conference on Management Techniques for Water and Related Resources, Carbondale, Ill. Sponsor, American Water Resources Association, Illinois Section. (DeLaine Lynch, Geography Dept., Southern Illinois Univ. at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901; tel.: 618-536-3375.)

Topics to be covered include urban water supply management (demand forecasting techniques, demand management and conservation, drought planning and management, and financing and rate-making); water quality (oil brine, groundwater pollution and hazardous wastes, and drinking water quality); floodplain management; irrigation for agriculture; and water-based recreation.

#### Goddard Symposium

The theme of the 22nd Goddard Memorial Symposium, to be held March 15-16, 1984, at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., will be "Permanent Presence—Making it Work." The meeting will address the varied aspects of design, establishment, and operation of permanent manned and unmanned facilities in near-earth space. Sessions will focus on missions, architecture, productivity, and technology, including international cooperation, long range goals, commercial prospects, operations and logistics, and space station configurations.

The meeting is sponsored by the American Astronautical Society, 6060 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22304 (tel.: 703-751-7721 or 751-7323). Ivan Bekey of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is the symposium general chairman. For those who cannot attend the meeting, information about the proceedings should be obtained from Horace Jacobs, Univelt, Inc., P.O. Box 28130, San Diego, CA 92129 (tel.: 619-746-4005).

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##### Fall Meetings

Dec. 3-7, 1984, San Francisco (Abstracts due September 1984)  
Dec. 9-13, 1985, San Francisco (Abstracts due mid-September 1985)

##### Spring Meetings

May 14-18, 1984, Cincinnati  
May 27-31, 1985, Baltimore (Abstracts due early March 1985)

##### Chairman Conferences

The Magnetospheric Polar Cap  
August 8-9, 1984, Fairbanks (Abstracts due May 1, 1984)

#### 1984

March 11-16 American Society of Photogrammetry and American Congress on Surveying and Mapping National Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Thomas J. Lauterborn, Ric. 1, Box 127, Waterford, VA 22190; tel.: 703-682-3594.)

March 12-15 15th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex. Sponsors AGU, Lunar and Planetary Institute, Meteorological Society, and American Astronautical Society. (15th Lunar and Planetary Institute, 3303 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058; tel.: 713-486-2100.) (Nov. 29, 1983.)

March 15-18 Fourth Biennial SEG/US Navy Joint Technical Symposium on Three-Dimensional Marine Data Collection, Processing, Interpretation, and Presentation, National Space Technology Laboratories (NSTL), Bay St. Louis, Miss. (J. A. Ballard, Chair, NSTL, Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39529; tel.: 601-888-4700.) (Nov. 1, 1983.)

March 14-17 1984 GSA Meeting, Hydrogeology Division, Northeast Section, Providence, R. I. (L. J. Searns, Chair, Hydrogeology, 844 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401; tel.: 301-368-7730.) (Aug. 2, 1983.)

March 19-24 Third International Symposium on Land Subsidence, Venice, Italy. Sponsor, IAHS. (S. J. Johnson, Program Chairman, Third International Symposium on Land Subsidence, World-Wide-Clyde Consultants, 7600 East Orchard Rd., Englewood, CO 80111.)

March 22-25 Seventh International Symposium on Equatorial Aeronomy (ISA), Hong Kong. Sponsors, ICSU Committee on Space Research, IUGG, IAGA, IAMAP, and URSI. (S. Matsushita, Chairman, ISA, High Altitude Observatory, USA, Boulder, CO 80501; tel.: 303-447-2020; tel.: 303-444-5151.)

March 26-27 GSA South-Central Section Meeting, Dallas, Tex. (Jean Latulippe, Meetings Dept., GSA, Boulder, CO 80501; tel.: 303-447-2020.)

March 26-28 NOAA's Environmental Satellites Come of Age: Applications for Users and Opportunities for the Marketplace, Washington, D.C. Sponsor, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, NESDIS, Inc., P.O. Box 2097, Springfield, VA 22152; tel.: 800-424-2733, ext. 528.) (Jan. 24, 1984.)

March 26-29 Lectures on Geophysical and Solar Wind of Science and Technology, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. Sponsor, Institut D'Aeronomie Spatiale de Belgique. (L. Bosy and J. Lemaire, Institut D'Aeronomie Spatiale de Belgique, 3 Avenue Circulaire, B 1800 Brussels, Belgium.)

March 28-29 International Conference on Groundwater Quality Research, Tulsa, Okla. (Shari Dunn, Univ. Center for Water Research, Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater, Okla. 74078; tel.: 405-424-6995.) (Feb. 14, 1984.)

March 28-30 International Symposium on Earthquake Relief in Less Industrialized Areas, Zurich, Switzerland. Sponsor, Swiss National Conference on Earthquake Engineering, NIA Postfach, CH-8039, Zurich, Switzerland.)

April Arctic Water Pollution Research: Application of Science and Technology, Yellowknife, N.W.T., Canada. (W.A. Bridgman, Arctic Studies, Ltd., P.O. Box 3181, Halifax South Post Office, Nova Scotia B3J 3H5, Canada.)

April 1-4 CSCE/ASCE Cold Regions Engineering Specialty Conference on Northern Resource Development, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (Daniel W. Smith, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2G7, Canada.)

April 1-4 International Conference on Advances in Mineral Science and Technology, Johannesburg, South Africa. Sponsor, South African Council for Mineral Technology (Mintek), 1000, 1000 National Water Research Institute, Private Bag X3013, Randburg, 2125 South Africa.)

April 2-4 Second National Symposium and Exposition on Groundwater Instrumentation, Las Vegas, Nev. Sponsor, National Water Research Institute, 1000, 1000 National Water Research Institute, Private Bag X3013, Randburg, 2125 South Africa.)

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Ohio. (Meetings, AGU, 2000 Florida Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20009.)

May 20-25 International Symposium on Deep Ocean Drilling and Sampling of the Continental Shelf Through Drilling, Tarrytown, N.Y. (Barry Raleigh, Director, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Palisades, NY 10961; tel.: 914-359-2900.)

May 21-25 International Groundwater Symposium on Groundwater Resources Utilization and Contamination, Hydrogeology, Montreal, Canada. Sponsors, Canadian National Council of the International Association of Hydrogeologists and the Canadian Water Well Association. (A. Kohut, Chairman, International Groundwater Symposium, Montreal 84, Ministry of the Environment, 705 Broughton St., Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X5, Canada.)







